

~~TOP SECRET TRINE~~ VENONA

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1541

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CIA only

5 October 1945

[1 group unrecovered] ELLY (a)

[38 groups unrecovered]

[24 groups unrecoverable]

Red Army. They are using all possibilities

[137 groups unrecovered]

commercial

[3 groups unrecoverable]

ensemble.

If there is any possibility at all for the ensemble to come to the USA, then it is necessary to do this only through the mediation of the Council of Friendship (b). The Council has all the facilities for organizing a performance of the ensemble in any city and through its proven theatrical agents, but not through rogues of the type of HURON.

If the question has already been put to our government through HARRIMAN, one can justify a refusal by the fact that such a request has already been received through the Council of Friendship and is under consideration.

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Notes: (b) Presumably the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

(a) The "1 group unrecovered" preceding ELLY is probably "according to". ELLY is probably a transliteration of either a Christian name or a surname. If a Christian name, it may be an inflected form of ELIA. The following three groups of the "38 unrecovered groups" would then contain the surname.

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